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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## BANKS.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... \$1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. Kway Hol Chuen, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1895.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... \$1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,365,000  
PAID-UP ..... \$685,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 12 Months ..... 6 per cent.

" 3 " ..... 5 " " "

DEPOSITS RENEWED on OLD TERMS.

J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... \$800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS ..... \$800,000

RESERVE FUND ..... \$235,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

" 6 " ..... 3 " "

" 3 " ..... 2 " "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND ..... \$5,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

A. McCONACHE, Esq.—Chairman.

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1895.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per  
cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are  
requested to send in a STATEMENT of  
BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half Year  
ended 31st December, 1895, on or before the  
31st instant, on which date the ACCOUNTS  
will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. COOKE,  
Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE  
YEAR 1895.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are  
requested to furnish the Undersigned  
with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for  
the year ending 31st December, 1895, in order  
that the distribution of BONUS may be  
arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the  
1st day of March, instant, will be adjusted by  
the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be  
subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1896.

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN ASSISTANT for  
GENERAL STORES, one with experience  
of Harbour Work preferred.

Apply to

X. Y. Z.,  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1896.

## Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN  
AGENCY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG HOTEL-PRAYA.

SOLO Eastern Agents for

SPENCER GRIP ARMoured HOSE.

SNOWDON, SONS & CO. "SNOW-  
DRIVE" MANUFACTURE.

THE NEW WIRE WOVE ROOFING CO.

THE ALUMINUM AND GENERAL  
FOUNDRY CO.

BELL'S METALLIC and ASBESTOS PACKINGS are unequalled for both Compound and Triple Expansion Engines.

COTTON PARAGON PACKING, TUCK'S PACKING, and all kinds of jointings kept in stock.

SPECIALLY MADE CLOTH FOR FILTERS.

ENGINE AND CYLINDER OILS.

W. JACKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1896.

HAVE YOU TRIED  
BRAUN'S "EXPORT" BEER

IS A QUESTION EVERYONE IS ASKING EVERYONE ELSE.  
IF NOT, TRY IT AND YOU WILL PRONOUNCE IT A FIRST-CLASS LAGER-BEER.

A MARVEL OF CHEAPNESS AND A DELIGHT TO THE EPICURE.

PRICE—

\$10.50 per Case of 6 dozen Pints. \$12.50 per Case of 4 dozen Quarts.

COST on Delivery.

THE SEATTLE BREWING & MALTING CO., CHINA-JAPAN AGENCY.

Head Office—8, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong.

For price and terms, apply to THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896.

1912

MEATS

MORNING RATES FOR  
AT H.M. HOTEL

15.45  
12.00  
20.00  
42.50

BREAKFAST  
LUNCH  
DINNER  
ALL 3 MEALS

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SHIPCHANDLERY DEPARTMENT.

SIR CHAS. PRICE & CO.'S ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.  
ENGLEBERT'S CYLINDER OIL.  
CRANE'S CYLINDER OIL.  
VALVOLINE, CASTOR OIL, &c., &c.

TUCK'S GENUINE PATENT PACKING.

ASBESTOS PACKINGS of all kinds.

PARAGON PATENT PACKING.

ROPE, CANVAS, &c.

HUBBUCK'S PAINTS and VARNISHES.

HOLZAPFEL'S PATENT COMPOSITION, ANTI-CORROSION, and ANTI-FOULING, for  
STEEL VESSELS.

SOAPSTONE ENAMEL COMPOSITIONS for HODS, BUNKERS and TOP-SIDES.

FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1896.

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THE CLUB HOTEL, 5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

HOTEL METROPOLE, 1, TSUKIJI, TOKYO.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.

Experienced English masters in attendance.

The Hotel steam-lunch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Stations.

VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager, YOKOHAMA.

L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO.

1916

EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

JASTRAM'S PATENT  
GOLDEN MEDAL

PETROLEUM ENGINES  
OF 2 TO 12 H.P.

FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.

A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch will a 4 H.P.

Engines will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

SCHEELE & CO., HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

1917

NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

## Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

LONDON ..... BOMBAY ..... R. J. Sleeman ..... About 10th March, Freight or Passage.

STRaits and BOMBAY ..... Hydaspes ..... E. R. Dodwell, R.N.R. .... About 21st March Freight or Passage.

LONDON ..... Formosa ..... E. P. Bishop ..... About 6th April Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to ALF. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1896.

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1896.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE has been received from the Military Authorities that FIELD FIRING with SHOT and BALL will take place TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), between 3:30 P.M. and 5:10 P.M., in Westerly and South-Westerly directions, from the South-West side of Hongkong.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

THE EASTERN THE GREAT EXTENSION NORTHERN AUSTRALASIA & TELEGRAPH CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD. COPENHAGEN.

HONGKONG STATION.

NOTICE.

FROM TO-DAY, the 13th March, and until further notice, Mr. J. M. BECK will be in CHARGE of this OFFICE.

L. WEBSTER,

Acting Manager in China.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

COMPETITION.

THE LONG-RANGE CUP and SPOONS will be shot TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) over the 700 and 800 yards distances, Ten Shots at each usual conditions.

Firing commenced 2:45 P.M.

REVOLVER RANGE.—This is now open for Practice, and Members may visit on any even date of the month—the odd dates are reserved for the use of the Volunteers.

F. SMYTH,

Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

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GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895, to declare a Dividend, and elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 19th instant, both days inclusive.

GEO. FENWICK,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

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### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

### PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS MENDEL, LATE OF VICTORIA, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, BROKER, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honourable the ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE having, by virtue of Section 2 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an Order Limiting to the 13th April, 1865, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their CLAIMS to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated the 13th day of March, 1896.

VICTOR H. DEACON.

Solicitor for the Administrators,

35, Queen's Road,

Hongkong.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE.)

THE Steamship

"OSLO,"

Captain Pedersen, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to

D. M. WRIGHT & CO.,

47, Praya.

Agents throughout Australia:

Messrs. BURNS PHILPS & CO.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MENE LAUS."

Captain Towell, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON, THROUGH ISLES OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"ROSETTA."

Captain G. K. Wright, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 26th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. "Australia," leaving that port on the 18th April for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London, (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to

ALF. WOOLLEY,

Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES AND UNDERWRITERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all CARGO for HONGKONG from TACOMA, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and places beyond, per S.S. "Hankow," has been transhipped at YOKOHAMA per S.S. "Strathmore," due here about the 21st instant.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

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"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BENLARIG,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf, and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th instant at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

BIRTH.  
On the 3rd instant, at Singapore, the wife of J. F. LOBO, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph  
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1896.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We note in the Singapore papers that the European manager of the Singapore Dispensary was recently arrested on a warrant and subsequently held to bail to answer a charge brought by the Opium Farmer for unlawfully dealing in morphine. One hundred and sixty-two bottles of morphine were seized in the Dispensary, Chaudu, which is the Malay equivalent for the phrase "prepared opium" used in our local Ordinances, is defined in Singapore to be "any preparation of opium or of morphine or of any alkaloid of opium or any preparation of which opium or morphine or of any such alkaloid forms an ingredient, and which preparation is used or intended to be used for smoking, chewing, swallowing or injecting." Sale of chaudu or opium for medical purposes, by any medical practitioner, chemist or druggist duly registered or authorised is protected. It would appear that the charge against Mr. MCKENZIE in Singapore can only be for having sold morphine for purposes other than medical. It is said that the morphine habit is very prevalent throughout the Straits. We shall look with interest for the further reports of this case. It may be of very great interest to chemists and druggists carrying on business in Hongkong. The Singapore press strongly deprecates the issue of a warrant and the arrest of the accused in this case when a summons would undoubtedly have ensured his attendance, to answer any charge.

We have received a copy, from Dr. RENNIE, of his report on the plague in Canton in 1894, forming one of the series of Customs Medical Reports. It throws no fresh light on the treatment of the disease, as, in Canton, European medical men had no opportunity of treating the patients or of examining the bodies after death. Dr. RENNIE traces the movements of the Plague and the route by which it reached Canton and Hongkong from its seat in Yunnan, where it has been endemic for a quarter of a century. He is of opinion that it travelled first by land to Pekhoi and then northward to Canton, and did not arrive in Canton by way of the West River. He attributes its introduction into Hongkong to persons migrating from Canton to Hongkong, while actually suffering from the disease, or during the short incubation period. The most important factor in the dissemination of the plague in Canton was the long-continued drought during the preceding winter, only 3 inches of rain falling in the five months from November to March—and the consequent scarcity of water and the drying up and fouling of the wells. The first cases appeared in March, and the epidemic reached its maximum in the middle of May 1894. Here in Hongkong the 7th June was the date of maximum intensity. Dr. RENNIE in his report describes the native methods of treatment as more curious than edifying, and gives a few of the nostrums widely distributed through Canton, gratuitously.

WE doubt, with all due respect, if he has under his command an adequate force with which to meet them, and the loss of a battle with the consequent loss of ships and men would certainly mean the loss of Hongkong and the Straits. The command of the sea once gone, we should in a very short time discover the reasons why Russia had accumulated so large an army at Vladivostock and why she is now hurrying out reinforcements. Can any one suggest any other reason? If so, we shall be most happy to take it into consideration and, if need be, withdraw and apologise for all we have said.

THE following from *Golf* is interesting:—To all who would study Scotland's naval hardware we would command the new edition of Chamber's "Boms," by Mr. Wm. Wallace, who is known as a writer on Golf and other subjects, and is a devoted student of Burns. Mr. Swinburne, in the *Nineteenth Century* for this month, has a beautiful tribute of eighteen stanzas on Burns. This is one:—

But never since bright earth was born,  
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THE following, issued as a proclamation by the Governor, speaks for itself—Hongkong, is a British possession and with its business, great or small, the Chinese official's have nothing whatever to do, nor are they entitled to come here to make inquiries in reference thereto. This is known to the whole world. At the opening of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce the Colonial Consul in charge at Kowloon came over here to take part in the ceremony. His Excellency in the sphere of the Hongkong Government was quite improper. I have communicated this matter to the British Consul at Canton, requesting him to report it to the Inter-Colonial Rifle competition. The Straits paper naively adds:—We command this sporting proposition to their Excellencies. The Colonial Secretaries might act as caddies to give a proper official tone to the match, and the respective Club Justices (both golfers) might make themselves useful as Caddies of the Course.

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The London *Observer* says that the discussions on the Navy and the Irish Land Bill, will probably occupy the House of Commons until Easter. Sir W. Harcourt will introduce resolutions regarding the Transvaal and Armenia. The whole of the members of the Tokyo Municipal Council sent in their resignations in a body few days ago. Their reason for the step was that Mr. Minns, the Governor, had lost the confidence of the citizens, but had refused to retire from office. They had refused from retiring in December last, when the vote of want of confidence was passed, but now that the Assembly has been convened and the misguided Governor still held office they thought the time had arrived when they should resign *en masse*.

ANOTHER CRISIS IN SIAM.  
ANARCHY IN BATTAMBANG.

FRANC AND SIAMESE IMPRISONED.

[*Free Press* Correspondent.]

February 14th.  
The greatest confusion and terror exist here at the present moment. On all sides one hears of imprisonment, floggings, and insult. Several Frenchmen have been imprisoned, and quite a number of French subjects have been arrested for refusing to pay illegal debts. Natives who are suspected of holding any commerce with the French Commissioner, M. Roland, are intimidated and threatened, or imprisoned. The same cruelty is shown towards Siamese as towards French. The acting Siamese Commissioner has been arrested, and Luang Rat has been imprisoned, though afterwards released. The only reason alleged for this severity is his courtesy towards the French Commissioner in lending the latter cars. The country is terrorized, and numbers are in hiding, not knowing when their turn will arrive.

The province appears to be in open rebellion against Siam, and the Governor shows the same dislike to Siamese officials as he does to Frenchmen. The Siamese Commissioner here is openly insulted, and there is heard on all sides bitter complaints against the severity of the government in Bangkok. This conduct is all the more extraordinary since the two Siamese representatives here are the best of their kind, courtly, manly, and straightforward in manner and respected by all. The High Commissioner is all that could be desired. The Siamese Commissioners are bombarding Bangkok with reports of the awful state of affairs here, but it would seem that they are not even believed. It must now be a month since they informed the Bangkok Government that duties are being levied contrary to the Treaty of 1893, but no steps have been taken in Bangkok, and so things have gone on from bad to worse.

If either the French or Siamese do not take immediate action there is nothing for it but civil war in this province, and perhaps before this reaches you for publication the asperation will have gone too far to be checked. Under these conditions you may imagine the state of the country. No native dares go near a European, and it is impossible to obtain servants. I cannot even hire a house.

HOW JOHN BULL BAGGED KING PREMPEH.

[FROM OUR EXTRA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]  
COOMASSIE (via Fableland), Jan. 1st.—In order that the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about the above event, as to which official England is aggrieved, might be conveyed to the readers of *Reynold's*—that is, all mankind—I send you authentic particulars of the capture of these buts.

The grand kybosh palaver took place this square this morning, the British troops assembling to the tune of "Tommy Dodd." The Commander-in-Chief had dropped the King a post-card requesting his attendance at seven am, prompt; but as the post had not at that hour been delivered at the palace, the non-appearance of His Majesty was not quite impossible to explain.

Captain Stewart, political officer, did not delay going himself, so he sent the interpreter to the King with the information that if in five minutes he did not turn out and turn up he would be "fetched."

Prempreh was sitting amid his 3,400 wives, who were busy mixing brandies and sodas for His Most Gracious Majesty.

"Haven't got anything to wear," replied the King to the interpreter. "Couldn't think of finding the great Queen by appearing in less than full dress."

Yielding at length to Stewart's *ultimatum*, the dandy monarch accompanied the messenger, who had been invested with the Order-of-the-Sick.

"Look here, Prempreh," said Mr. Maxwell, the Governor of the Gold Coast, "our terms has now that we see you won't fight and have nobody to help you."

"I'll write to the Emperor of Germany," exclaimed Prempreh.

Not heeding the threat, the Governor continued, "How much money have you?"

"Not a blessed cent!" cried the King, looking down on his coal-black limbs. "Search me if you don't believe it."

"How have you got?" roared Maxwell.

The King sent for the royal treasury, which contained a knife, pack of cards, a pipe, a photograph of Joe Chamberlain from a packet of cigarettes, some bad coins, and a grocer's almanac, representing Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen presiding. Prempreh and others with the "Secret of England's Greatness." In vain did the stone-broke one endeavour to borrow from the Highlanders by whom he was surrounded. They would not even lend him their kilts to wear.

"Give me time!" he pleaded. "Take an I.O.U. Take it in monthly instalments. Try the three years' hire system."

"We tried the twenty-two years' system, Prempreh," retorted Maxwell. "See here, Your Majesty, let's drop gay and speak plain. We want your country, Ashantee, for the English. The missionary dodge is too slow. We are expanding; Britain rules the waves, and you must go to the wall. Besides, we want some glory. You read the *Times* every day?"

The unhappy Prempreh nodded in the affirmative.

"Then it must occur to you that we must have it out of somebody. We are not going to fight the Kaiser—he has too many relatives in England. We are not going to fight the Americans—there are too many of them, not to speak of those tarantized Irish Yankees. You're not a German, Prempreh... You're not an Irishman. You're not even a Frenchman, a Rookdale or a Scot. So we can do as we like with you, and you must pay part of the expenses of the flying squadron and that sort of thing."

"That's no affair of mine," urged the King. "But it is of Salisbury's," continued Maxwell, "he wants glory; and Chamberlain, he wants glory; and the Queen—the wants glory. We all want glory, and I want promotion into the bargain. I tell you you've got to suffer and pay the piper. We're a Christian country, we are, and you're a wretched, impotent heathen. There now die understand?"

"But it is of the Amur of Afghanistan or the Shaks of Persia, you wouldn't treat me like this," pleaded the semi-intoxicated King.

"Certainly not," said Maxwell, lighting another cigarette.

"And wouldn't touch the Sultan of Turkey," continued Prempreh.

"Right again!" rejoiced the Governor of the Gold Coast. "You see, they could defend themselves, or get others to do it for them or make it done awkward somehow. But you, Prempreh, you're nobody; you're a blood-thirsty ruffian, a cannibal of the worst type, and a friend of the French, so we are justified in seeking to obtain your country for ourselves!"

The King fell for his pockets.

"And what's more," continued Maxwell, "we intend to lock you up, with your brothers, your uncle, your cousins, your aunts, and the rest of your relatives!"

And the palaver broke up with cheers for England and St. George and St. Belfort and civilization; and the spread of the Gospel, and bad whisky and trade (especially the latter) in Dark Africa. Hooray!"

"ALWYN DE LYON" in *Reynold's Weekly*.

ANOTHER CRISIS IN SIAM.

ANARCHY IN BATTAMBANG.

FRANC AND SIAMESE IMPRISONED.

[*Free Press* Correspondent.]

A SERIOUS QUESTION FOR CHINKIANG.

February 14th.

A matter of very serious import to the Concession of Chinkiang is slowly pressing to the front, and engaging the serious attention of those most concerned. For some years past the current of the river has slowly, but surely, altered its course, until now it runs across from a diagonal direction from the north bank, a little west of a point opposite the Concession, to the south bank, below the China Merchants' bulk, a good half-mile below the Concession. This has caused a most alarming deposit of silt in the bay east of Golden Island, known as the Lorch Anchorage; and where some years ago jetties anchored in 15 fathoms of water, there is now a solid mud bank, showing up some 3 feet above low-water level, and extending from Golden Island to Garlic Hill, and a distance of over 900 feet into the stream. From the north-east end of this mud-bank, and nearly in mid-stream, a spit is rapidly forming where at low-water level there is less than ten feet of water. The bed of the river between this spit and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s bulk is rapidly shoaling up, so much so that the removal of the bulk was ordered last autumn. A compromise was, however, effected for that season, but it has been finally decided to remove the bulk next September or October to a position not yet determined. So soon as that bulk is moved it follows as a matter of course that the shoaling will increase to such an extent that Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's bulk will have to follow suit next season, and at the same time Mr. McBain's bulk must join in the general movement. As the rent paid for the shore-connections of these helps forms a large part of the revenue of the Municipal Council, it naturally behoves the powers that be to watch with the keenest interest any further development of what seems very much like a conspiracy of the forces of nature against the prosperity of the Concession. Some plan must be devised, and the sooner the better, to counteract the effects of the influence at work, or the time will surely come when it will be discovered that there is no revenge, and perhaps no Concession! What is this plan to be? There is, we are informed, at least one man in Shanghai who has thoroughly mastered the subject. Let the parties most concerned find him out, and he will not only bear out the above prognostication, but is quite clever enough to suggest a plan, if not to conquer the forces of nature, for in this case that is impossible, at least to minimize their evil effects.—*China Gazette*.

THE ARREST OF THE CHINLAN-DE REFORM COMMITTEE.

(*Yokohama Star*, Jan. 11th.)

Last evening the Government effected a *coup d'état* in a prompt and business-like manner, by arresting as many of the members of the Reform Committee as could be found. The arrangements were kept profound secret and although no one could say they were surprised at the step, yet once during the crisis an important and sensational stroke was effected without the usual preliminary rumour. The warrants, if such there be—for the officials have politely but emphatically refused to supply any information whatever—were placed in the hands of Lieutenant Colonel C. Petersen and Dr. Korte, who proceeded to the Rand Club just after dinner and there found a number of the wanted gentlemen to whom they announced their mission. Naturally considerable excitement ensued, but thanks to the diplomatic and courteous conduct of the officers charged with the unpleasant duty, nothing untoward or disagreeable, beyond the mere fact of the arrests, occurred. Those arrested at the Club and later at their residences were Messrs. W. van Hulsteyn, W. St. John Carr, Dr. W. T. F. Davies, W. Hudson, Dr. Hon. Storer, A. Mackie Niven, Mosebach, W. H. Bell, H. A. Rogers, Max Langman, C. H. Mallies, Geo. Richards, Dr. F. Hiller, A. W. Sampson, J. G. Airey, Dr. Drummond Dunbar, J. J. Lacy, J. H. Hammond, Dr. Drury and Dr. Mitchell. A number of Capo carts were brought up to the Club, and after time had been allowed for a final drink, the purchase of cigars and cigarettes, and in some cases the despatch of notes, and messages, the prisoners were escorted to the carts, and surrounded by a large body of mounted police, some members of the State Artillery and policemen and detectives on foot, the procession set out for the old gaol, where arrangements had been made for their reception. The first batch having been safely deposited, the police proceeded in quest of the rest, but for the most part they failed to find them at their houses. Col. Rhodes was found at his residence in Savatoga Avenue, Doornfontein, and he was escorted to the gaol by a party of twenty-five policemen on foot, reaching the gaol about a.s.m. By breakfast time this morning the fact of the arrests was known all over Johannesburg, and the remaining members of the Committee at once proceeded to save the officials trouble by surrendering at various agreed points. Mr. Lionel Phillips sent a special messenger to Commandant Schutte to inform him that the wanted contingent had begun to put in an appearance. Colonel Battlington turned up equipped with Gladstone bag and rug, Mr. H. B. Head, looking cool and soldierly, and carrying a rug, also arrived about the same time, and the interval of waiting was filled by chaff and conversation, and local arrangements were made for joining such and such a party on the gaolward journey. Mr. Head, Mr. Phillips, Mr. G. Sandilands, and Mr. Du Bois went off in two carts, amid a sympathetic outburst of cheering from their friends and the crowd, followed by a volley of hooting for the attendant Zaps. Meanwhile rumour was busy with the names of other prominent citizens. It was rumoured that Mr. S. B. Joel had been stopped at Bloemfontein on his way to catch the mail steamer for England. The prisoners were not, as stated, taken to Pretoria by special train, but are detained at the old gaol awaiting the completion of the arrests, when the whole party will be conveyed to the capital. Dr. Korman and Mr. Van Beek remained themselves at the Club, but were held by the police lest they were not wanted.

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